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AMENDMENT

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Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of the original shortened statutory period set in the Office Action of October 21, 2003. The government fee of \$110 for a one-month extension of time should be charged to Patent and Trademark Office

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In response to the Office action dated October 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.